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Title: The Minister of Defence laid a statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 36th Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) on 'Status of Implementation of Unified Command for Armed Forces', pertaining to the Ministry of Defence.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): I am laying this statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 36th Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the direction 73A of the Hon'ble Speaker vide Lok Sabha Bulletin - Part II dated September 01, 2004.

The 36th Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) relates to 'Status of Implementation of Unified Command for Armed Forces'. The 36th Report was presented to Lok Sabha on 24.02.2009.

Action Taken Statements on the recommendations/ observations contained in the 36th Report were sent to the Standing Committee on Defence on 13.05.2009.

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee in their 36[1] report is indicated in the Annexure to my Statement, which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents of the Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.